

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Colby C. Nuttal on July 16th, 2009.

2. Claim 25 should be amended to read as follows:

25. A method in accordance with Claim-~~24~~23, wherein the list or rules is expressed using XPATH statements.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 1, 3-23, 25-28, 30, 31, 33-36, and 40 are allowed.

4. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

In interpreting the claims, in light of the specification and the applicant's amendments filed June 16th, 2009, the Examiner finds the claimed invention to be

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patentably distinct from the prior art of record. The prior art does not teach all of the limitations of the independent claims in combination with the other elements presented.

The prior art of record teaches conflict resolution between multiple policies in a networked data dispatch system (Thebaut, abstract; see also Schuba, abstract). The prior art further teaches markup language rule processing (Kuznetsov, abstract).

However, as per claims 1, 3-23, 25-28, 30, 31, 33-36, and 40, the prior art fails to teach dispatching a data structure within a SOAP envelope that includes evaluating a list of rules that dispatch the SOAP envelope to one or more software methods, wherein the list of rules includes software method dispatch rules, and wherein each rule specifies a condition and a group of software methods. Further, wherein the system uses a prioritization mechanism is used to guarantee that only a single rule will be applied to dispatch the SOAP envelope. These limitations distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art of record when taken in the environment of the full claim language.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nicholas Taylor whose telephone number is (571) 272-3889. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wing Chan can be reached on (571) 272-7493. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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